

By passing this bipartisan bill today, Congress has taken it upon itself to ensure that all federal agencies are aware of the risks associated with any resurgence in coronavirus cases and are prepared to address them efficiently.

This legislation stipulates that Congress will receive regular updates from these agencies until the President ends the emergency declaration related to the coronavirus pandemic.

At the beginning of this pandemic, the federal government's response to COVID-19 was delayed, disorganized, and haphazard.

It is because of these inefficiencies that the United States currently has over 7 million cases of the coronavirus and over 205,000 related deaths.

In the state of Texas alone, there are currently 761,332 cases of the virus and approximately 15,820 deaths.

We must not make the same mistakes again.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on American communities and take thousands of American lives, experts have warned that things might get even worse in the fall, especially as schools, businesses, and communities continue to reopen.

Over the last six months, federal agencies have learned many hard lessons, and they have crafted new, effective strategies that will protect families and communities across the country fight against a possible resurgence of coronavirus cases this fall.

We must put our faith in science and continue to invest in testing, contact tracing, as well as vaccine development.

In my own district, I have facilitated the opening of 32 testing sites since the beginning of the pandemic in an effort to curb the spread of the virus.

Mr. Speaker, Congress has a duty to assure the American people that the federal government is doing everything in its power to beat back the dual health and economic crises of this pandemic.

H.R. 7496 honors that responsibility entrusted to us by the American people, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come together and vote for this important legislation.

COMMEMORATING THE VICTIMS OF THE NAZI MASSACRE AT BABYN YAR IN UKRAINE BE- TWEEN 29-30 SEPTEMBER 1941

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. ENGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate all those who lost their lives in the Holocaust and honor the memory of those who were so brutally murdered in the atrocities that took place between 29-30 September 1941 at Babyn Yar in Ukraine.

It is of great importance to me to bring this issue to the attention of the United States Congress because of my Jewish heritage and family ties to Ukraine, but also to shine a light on one of the darkest chapters in our shared history. The past must never be forgotten, and the lessons we learn, especially the painful ones, should guide us to a better future.

As we see a resurgence of antisemitism and Holocaust denial across the world, and when

there are fewer and fewer living survivors to tell the story first hand, it is essential that we learn the tragedies of the past and educate future generations so we can prevent these events from never happening again.

Today, it is critically important to remember one of the Holocaust's most oft-forgotten horrors—the massacre that took place at Babyn Yar in Ukraine and in other Eastern Europe countries, silenced for so long by the former Soviet Union.

The massacre of Kyiv's Jews at Babyn Yar was one of the largest mass killings by the Nazi regime at a single location during World War II. It is incumbent upon us to remember the sorrow and grief of the victims and their families of the Babyn Yar massacre, and I commend the Ukrainian people for coming together to deal with this tragedy and commemorate the horrific atrocity at Babyn Yar.

In honor of the 79th anniversary of the horrifying massacres at Babyn Yar, where it was officially estimated that up to 100,000 people were murdered during the Nazi occupation of Kyiv from 1941 to 1943, I rise today to honor all those who lost their lives, remind our colleagues and the world of the tremendous evil that took place at Babyn Yar, and commend the people of Ukraine for their commitment to remembering these horrific events. We must continue to stand up and say, "never again."

A review of the timeline of events surrounding the Babyn Yar tragedy are an important part of our solemn duty to ensure that terrible events like these can never happen again:

On September 19, 1941, Axis forces occupied Kyiv. A week later, the Nazi occupational government and SS leadership convened at Rear Headquarters Army Group South and made the decision to exterminate the Jews of Kyiv.

On September 28, 1941, the Nazi occupiers of Kyiv posted the following notice: "All [Jews] living in the city of Kiev and its vicinity are to report by 8 o'clock on the morning of Monday, September 29, 1941, at the corner of Melnykova and Dokterivska Streets (near the cemeteries). They are to take with them documents, money, valuables, as well as warm clothes, underwear, etc. Any [Jew] not carrying out this instruction and who is found elsewhere will be shot. Any civilian entering homes vacated by [Jews] and stealing property will be shot".

On September 29-30, 1941, the eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year in Judaism, 33,771 Jewish civilians were shot and killed by machine-gun fire at Babyn Yar, a ravine northwest of Kyiv. Between September and early October 1941, about 38,000 Jews were murdered at or near Babyn Yar; and the total Jewish death toll there until the Nazi retreat was around 40,000.

When Nazi forces retreated from the Soviet Union, they attempted to hide evidence of the massacres at Babyn Yar by exhuming the bodies and burning them, but in 1991, the government of independent Ukraine erected a monument in the shape of a menorah dedicated to the Jewish victims at Babyn Yar. Sadly, the names of many of these civilians who perished have been lost forever.

IN RECOGNITION OF ADAM GROGG

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the extraordinary service of Adam Grogg, who served in the House's Office of General Counsel as an Associate General Counsel. During his tenure, Mr. Grogg played an integral role in safeguarding the legal interests of the House of Representatives and its Members, Officers, and employees in connection with federal court litigation involving issues of the highest institutional importance. Specifically, Mr. Grogg provided invaluable legal counsel and representation to numerous Committees of the House, greatly assisting them both in fulfilling their constitutionally authorized oversight functions and defending those prerogatives in litigation. In particular, Mr. Grogg's legal work has significantly contributed to the Committee on Oversight and Reform's investigation and litigation related to the 2020 decennial census.

Additionally, Mr. Grogg has provided vital legal counsel to the House regarding the presidential impeachment, as well as with respect to the defense of long-standing institutional powers, including the House's constitutional authority to adopt rules permitting its Members to participate in the legislative process remotely by proxy during an unprecedented global pandemic.

Mr. Grogg's work on behalf of the House has been of the highest caliber and I have no doubt that his next employer will benefit from his exceptional legal counsel. On behalf of the entire House community, I thank Mr. Grogg for his dedicated service to the House, and I wish for him the very best in all of his future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN BABIN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. BABIN. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted: NAY on Roll Call No. 212, P.Q. for H. Res. 1161, and NAY on Roll Call No. 213, Adoption of H. Res. 1161.

INTRODUCTION OF A BILL TO GRANT HONORARY PROMOTION TO WORLD WAR II VETERAN, PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DELBERT LITRELL TO CORPORAL

HON. GREG WALDEN

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. WALDEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill to grant an honorary promotion to World War II veteran, Private First Class Delbert Littrell of the United States Marine Corps from Private First Class to Corporal.

PFC Delbert Littrell is an extraordinary World War II veteran. PFC Littrell served in

five major campaigns as a member of the 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division. He not only survived the combat rigors and horrors of Iwo Jima, but also assaults on the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, and Okinawa. All of these battles were some of the heaviest battles fought in the Pacific theater during World War II.

The Secretary of the Navy when recommending this honorary promotion said, "Littrell's extraordinary service to the Marine Corps is noteworthy and rises to the service that warrants favorable consideration for this unique honor. The recommendation to concur with the request is a testament to his enduring selflessness and sacrifice."

In addition to his service during the war, PFC Littrell has long served his community. The Marine Corps League Coquille River Detachment recognized PFC Littrell as their 2016 Marine of the Year. In 2019, he was awarded with a Marine Corps League Distinguished Service Award and was also recognized as the Marine Corps League Marine of the Year for the Department of Oregon.

PFC Littrell reliably and honorably performed his duties in the Marine Corps throughout his period of active service. PFC Littrell is worthy of an honorary promotion to Corporal. By passing this legislation, we have the opportunity to honor the notable service of this outstanding veteran.

This honorary promotion is championed by the Navy and Marine Corp and I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bill's swift passage.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GERRY
LYNN

HON. BRETT GUTHRIE

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Gerald Allen "Gerry" Lynn of Brandenburg, Kentucky. Gerry passed away on September 6, 2020, and I will miss him deeply.

Gerry was a passionate servant of his community. He always tried to bring people together. I first met him when he served in the Kentucky State House of Representatives. He then went on to serve as the Meade County Judge Executive, a role in which he worked tirelessly to better Meade County and the region. I always enjoyed spending time with him because he was interested in everything—and he could do anything. Whether it was paragliding, wiring his own home, or working hard to help Meade County, he accomplished anything he put his mind to. In addition to serving his community, Gerry also served our Nation in the Army.

Of all of Gerry's accomplishments, he was proudest of his family. My prayers are with his wife Nancye, his children, and his grandchildren. Gerry was an honorable man and a pillar in our community who will be missed by all.

HONORING SHELBY HAMLETT

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Shelby Paisley Hamlett, who passed away on September 14, 2020 at the age of 82. Shelby was dedicated to helping others in an array of volunteer and charitable organizations.

Shelby was born in Wytheville, Virginia on August 20, 1938, to Alton and Rachael Paisley. She grew up in the town and then attended Hollins University, which took her to the Roanoke area where she would spend much of the rest of her life.

Shelby was deeply devoted to several causes and organizations that sought to improve lives in her community and around the world. At the age of 18, she became involved in the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), starting with the Brambleton Jr. Woman's Club in Blue Ridge District, GFWC Virginia. The organization became a lifelong commitment, and Shelby went on to serve in post after post, including Virginia President 1980 to 1982 and ultimately International President 2000 to 2002. In this role, she helped develop the GFWC Leadership Education and Development Seminar, attended the Women's World Vision Conference in China, and participated in an Operation Smile Medical mission.

Her passion for helping others extended to other causes. I met Shelby when I served on the board of Easter Seals Virginia, an organization devoted to helping Americans living with disabilities, which she assisted in creating and longed served as a member of the Board of Directors. She was also on the national Board of Directors. As the local level, she was part of the Roanoke County PTA Association, helped develop special education classes for the county's schools, and was a longtime active member and deacon at Heights Community Church in Roanoke.

Shelby is survived by her son David, brothers Monte and Randal Paisley, and several nieces and nephews. I would like to extend my condolences to them on their loss.

STATE AND LOCAL CYBERSECURITY IMPROVEMENT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 5823, the State and Local Cybersecurity Improvement Act, which authorizes a new DHS grant program to address cybersecurity vulnerabilities on State and local government networks.

The new grant program would be authorized at \$400 million with a graduating cost-share that incentivizes States to increase funding for cybersecurity in their budgets.

Under the bill, State, tribal, and territorial governments would be required to develop comprehensive cybersecurity plans to guide the use of grant funds.

This bill tasks the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Nation's cyber risk advisor, that works with partners to defend against today's threats and collaborating to build more secure and resilient infrastructure for the future to provide support to state and local governments.

The bill also requires CISA to develop a strategy to improve the cybersecurity of State, local, tribal, and territorial governments, among other things, identify Federal resources that could be made available to State and local governments for cybersecurity purposes, and set baseline objectives for State and local cybersecurity efforts.

CISA would also be required to assess the feasibility of implementing a short-term rotational program for the detail of approved State, local, Tribal, and territorial government employees in cyber workforce positions at CISA.

Lastly, the bill establishes a State and Local Cybersecurity Resiliency Committee comprised of representatives from State, local, tribal, and territorial governments to advise and provide situational awareness to CISA regarding the cybersecurity needs of such governments.

As a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security since its establishment, and current Ranking Member of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security. This bill is of importance to me.

The threats we face—digital and physical, man-made, technological, and natural—are more complex, and the threat actors more diverse, than at any point in our history. CISA is at the heart of mobilizing a collective defense as we lead the Nation's efforts to understand and manage risk to our critical infrastructure.

I am a cosponsor of H.R. 5823, and ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this important step to improving cybersecurity of state and local governments.

HONORING SENATOR BILL
MONNING

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 1, 2020

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I ride today to honor Bill Monning, the retiring Senator representing the 17th Senate District of California, for his career in advocacy and public service and his commitment to serving the people of the central coast of California. His leadership has improved the lives of many, and I am honored to acknowledge this legacy today.

Senator Monning was born in Culver City, California, in 1951 and raised in Pasadena. After finishing high school at Flintridge Preparatory School, where he excelled as an athlete, Monning attended college at the University of California, Berkeley. Following his graduation, he attained his Juris Doctorate from the University of San Francisco. His time spent in the Bay Area in the 1970s led him to commit himself to a career of advocating for and serving others.

After passing the California Bar Examination, Senator Monning worked as an attorney protecting the rights of migrant farm workers